

NO CHANCE FOR HUGHES TO LOSE SAYS MULVANE

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Topoka's Famous Politician Has Victory Tied to Post.

REPUBLICAN GAIN OF 22

Hughes Could Win if Democrats Took New York.

Wilson Will Lose Kansas by 75,000 to 85,000 Votes.

Changes in the national electoral vote will cause the defeat of President Wilson for re-election under almost any method of calculation, according to a prediction by T. W. Mulvane of Topeka, former national committeeman, Mulvane, who is one of the keenest political observers in the west, declared today that no reasonable analysis of the political dope sheet could show a Wilson victory. Under the most favorable Democratic analysis, Charles E. Hughes will win, Mulvane believes.

Careful study of election returns from various states both in the 1908 and 1912 elections, as well as in former national campaigns, gives the Republicans every advantage under the Mulvane theory. Even with concession to the Democrats of New York, Indiana, New Jersey, Colorado and Missouri—which are far, far from Republican concessions—President Wilson would fall five votes short of success in the electoral college. That theory is based

on concession to President Wilson of all territory that shows fair chance of Democratic success in the November election.

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Increase in the electoral vote under the 1916 census, give the Republicans a big margin on which to figure November results. The 1916 figures increased the electoral vote in 1912, but the real effect will be felt in the November election. Under the change the electoral vote is increased 48. Of these, three each in Arizona and New Mexico are a stand-off between Republicans and Democrats. Ten new votes were added in safe Democratic states, while states that have lined up in the Republican column consistently in former years, have gained the remaining 32, or a net Republican gain of 22.

The ten votes for Democrats are given only by allowing Democrats possession of Colorado, which is a decidedly doubtful state. Other Democratic gains in the electoral college are Alabama, 1 vote; Florida, 1; Georgia, 1; Louisiana, 1; Oklahoma, 2; and Texas, 2. Gains for Republicans are: California, 2; Idaho, 1; Illinois, 2; Massachusetts, 2; Michigan, 1; Minnesota, 1; Montana, 1; New Jersey, 2; New York, 6; North Dakota, 1; Ohio, 1; Oregon, 1; Pennsylvania, 4; South Dakota, 1; Utah, 1; Washington, 2; West Virginia, 1.

Total of 531 Electoral Votes.
A total of 531 electoral votes will be cast in the electoral college. To win the election, Wilson or Hughes must receive not less than 266 votes. To win re-election President Wilson must seemingly carry New York, which is claimed by the Republicans by from 150,000 to 200,000. On the other hand, Hughes might easily win after losing New York.

Mulvane's figures are based on former results and existing conditions. Based on these conditions, the former national committeeman would give Hughes a solid lead of less than 73 votes. That is done after putting Colorado and Missouri in the doubtful column and later handing them to the Democrats for good measure. Missouri has 18 votes in the electoral college, while Colorado has 6.

Then Mulvane would divide Republican and Democratic territory—based on former elections—somewhat in this manner:
Democrats: Alabama, 13 electoral votes; Arizona, 3; Arkansas, 7; Florida, 6; Georgia, 14; Kentucky, 13; Louisiana, 10; Maryland, 8; Mississippi, 10; Nevada, 2; North Carolina, 12; Oklahoma, 10; South Carolina, 9; Tennessee, 12; Texas, 20; Virginia, 12. Total 162.
Republicans: California, 13 electoral votes; Connecticut, 7; Delaware, 3; Idaho, 4; Illinois, 29; Indiana, 15; Iowa, 13; Kansas, 10; Maine, 6; Mas-

sachusetts, 18; Michigan, 15; Minnesota, 12; Montana, 4; Nebraska, 13; New Hampshire, 4; New Jersey, 14; New Mexico, 3; New York, 43; North Dakota, 5; Ohio, 24; Oregon, 5; Pennsylvania, 38; Rhode Island, 5; South Dakota, 6; Utah, 4; Vermont, 4; Washington, 7; West Virginia, 5; Wisconsin, 13; Wyoming, 3. Total 344.
Doubtful: Colorado, 6; Missouri, 18. Total 24.

Fifty-Five in Doubtful States.
Now Mulvane begins to make a few allowances. No, not concessions, just a few calculations as to the extent the national ticket might slip and yet win. Of course, Mulvane maintains the Republicans have a fifty-fifty chance in the doubtful states. He contends also that the states listed in the Republican column should be safe in view of available dope and existing conditions.

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There is a heavy revision of totals. With it all the Democrats have 261 votes—five short of election. The Republicans have 270 and Hughes elected. There you are. Get the records of the last twenty years and do a little calculating yourself.

"I simply can't see a chance to lose," declared Mulvane. "Hughes' election looks certain with more than seventy-five votes to spare. But even by making every possible concession, I don't see a chance for Wilson to win."

Based on a normal Republican majority of 51,000 in Kansas—before the promiscuous vote—Mulvane now estimates that Hughes should win the state over President Wilson by 75,000 to 85,000. He sees little change in the sentiment of the new voters and believes the female vote will increase the Hughes majority in proportion to the vote cast. In calculating the Hughes majority, Mulvane estimates 65 per cent of the women will vote.

All Steel Cars for Oklahoma City.
Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 27.—The heavy demand for steel is given by car building companies as the reason for the delay in equipping Oklahoma City trolley lines with all-steel cars. Ten new cars were ordered from the Pullman company and are available for service until the middle of November. The company already operates twenty such cars.

GIVES BIG RETURN

Irrigation Is Profitable, Mohler Tells Larned Congress.

Problem of Raising Water Cheaply Has Been Solved.

Larned, Kan., Sept. 27.—Irrigation is such a valuable aid to agriculture that it should be available wherever possible, even tho not an absolute necessity, J. C. Mohler, secretary of the state board of agriculture declared here today before the final session of the Kansas State Irrigation Congress.

Mr. Mohler said in part:
"The western Kansas people no longer consider it an affront to the country to associate irrigation with development. There was a time when they resented the claim that the precipitation that came from the clouds was sufficient for profitable agriculture. And so it was not until they had been shown by experience that a way of profitably lifting the underground water which is inaccessible, opinions are being revised. They have learned that it is insurance against dry weather conditions."

"While the possibilities of the subwaters of the plains for irrigation have never been lost sight of in the past, 30 years ago, it was not until an adjoined meeting of the Presbytery held in his home church of Smith Center on the evening of the 21st was ordered into the ministry and with his wife will sail in a few days to their work in India. Those who took part in this solemn service were the moderator, his pastor, Rev. F. C. Everett preached the sermon; Rev. H. V. Clark made the ordination prayer; and Rev. D. C. Smith gave the charge to the candidate."

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HOLD CONVENTION IN HOXIE.
Osborne Presbytery Reports Completion of Church at Oberlin.

Hoxie, Kan., Sept. 27.—The fall meeting of the Osborne Presbytery was held in the Hoxie Presbyterian church on September 19 and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Clayton Smith, pastor of the church. The Rev. W. Byrd Ray of Smith Center was elected moderator and R. C. Wilson of Wakeeney temporary clerk. The Rev. George H. Clymer and Carl Kirchner were dismissed to the Presbytery of Kansas City and Rev. Joel T. Mitchell were dismissed to the Presbytery of Mountain Presbytery and taken under care of the Osborne Presbytery.

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25 YEARS AGO IN TOPEKA

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Jerry Simpson is making lots of votes for the other party.

The state board of public works held a meeting last evening to receive bids for constructing the granite steps and walls for receiving the steps on the north and south entrances of the state house. There were three bids presented but they were all rejected because they exceeded the amount appropriated. The bids were as follows: Cuthbert and Sergeant, Topeka, \$20,150; St. Cloud Marble Co., \$15,500; George H. Evans, Topeka, \$18,100.

Prof. C. D. Hudson gave a delightful dancing party to his friends last evening. Watson's orchestra furnished the music. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Will Hall, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Cain, Misses Florence Bailey, May Bailey, Mattie Carey, Fannie McCall, Madeline Simpson, Jessie Garwood, Laura Trous, Mollie Crane, Nina Shaffer, Meadell Lott, Mabel Webb, Anna Crane, Maggie Markley, Ollie Markley, Jessie Proctor, Lizzie Hickey and Carl Kirchner were dismissed to the Presbytery of Kansas City and Rev. Joel T. Mitchell were dismissed to the Presbytery of Mountain Presbytery and taken under care of the Osborne Presbytery.

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